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FOR THE YEAR

1965



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Year 1965

Mr. Mayor, Alderman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1965.

Home Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 5,370 which represents an increase of 120 over that of the previous year.

Births and Birth Rate

The number of live births was 65 (34 M. 31 F.) a decrease of 5 from that of the previous year and the corresponding crude birth rate was 12.1 which after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor to allow comparison with the birth-rate of other Districts, becomes 15.12 and was lower than that of 18.0 for England and Wales.

Stillbirths and Rate

No stillbirths were registered during the year. The rate for England and Wales was 15.7.

Infant Deaths and Mortality

One infant death was registered due to:-

Toxaemia and Myocardial Failure
Acute fulminating bronchitis

The rate was accordingly 15.38 compared with that of 19.0 for England and Wales.

The hard core of causes of Perinatal Mortality i.e. stillbirths and infant deaths under one week of age, is prematurity, asphyxia and atelectasis, birth injuries and congenital malformations and the chief maternal factor is toxæmia of pregnancy.

Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rate

There were no Maternal deaths, which is a reflection of the high standard of modern Obstetric practice.

Total Death and Mortality Rate

The total number of deaths from all causes was 80 (32 M. 48 F.) and the crude death rate was accordingly 14.89, which includes the deaths assigned from the West View Chronic Sick Hospital. The Registrar General's Comparability Factor which is computed from a population standardised for age and sex distribution and allows comparison with other Districts adjusts the crude death rate and the adjustment rate was 7.45 in comparison with that of 11.5 for England and Wales.

The chief group cause of deaths was from natural causes amongst the aged, viz. Heart and Circulatory Disease and Vascular lesions of the Nervous System; of those there were 39.

Disease of the Coronary Artery was the cause of 12 of those deaths or approximately 30% in the following age groups:- 2 between 55 - 64; 2 between 65 - 74 and 8 over 75 years. These figures follow the usual pattern that the majority of deaths from Coronary disease are amongst the

aged and would suggest that a degenerative process is the most important causative factor.

Cancer, as invariably in previous years was the second highest cause of deaths, of which there were 12 in the following age-groups:- 2 between 45 and 54; 2 between 55 - 64; 6 between 65 - 74 and 2 over 75 years.

Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus was the cause of 2 deaths in the following age-groups:- 1 between 65 - 74 and 1 over 75 years.

Cancer of the Breast caused 3 deaths all in the age-group 65 - 74 yrs.

The other causes of death were miscellaneous and there was no unusual mortality. There was no death from Infectious Disease.

The Infectious Diseases

None of the more serious Infectious Diseases was notified throughout the year and apart from Measles, the incidence was very low.

Measles

Fifty-three cases were notified compared with fifty-four in the previous year. As stated in previous reports, it is equivocal whether this infection should be statutorily notifiable as per se it is not serious and its former serious complications are less frequent and are successfully treated by the Antibiotics, excepting Acute Encephalitis which is very rare. During outbreaks, the busy Practitioner has little, if any time, to spare in being obliged to notify these cases and unnecessary time of Office Administrative Staffs is taken up in the registration of cases and in the payment of the notification fees which is wasteful expenditure.

Scarlet Fever

Two sporadic cases were notified and both were treated at home. This infection in its present phase is mild and any of its complications are successfully treated by the Antibiotics. Occasionally Acute Nephritis occurs unexpectedly.

Whooping Cough

It is noteworthy that no case of Whooping Cough was notified, which is in all probability due to vaccination - a great achievement of modern medical science.

Acute Primary or Influenzal Pneumonia

Only one case of this illness was notified. Including the Secondary Pneumonias which are not notifiable, there were four deaths in the following age-groups: 1 between 4 weeks and under 1 year: 1 between 65 - 74 years: and 2 over 75 years. Pneumonia is commonly a terminal cause of death in the aged.

Tuberculosis

One new case of Pulmonary (Lung) Tuberculosis was notified. The Chest Physician was not able to trace the source of infection and there were no secondary or latent cases amongst the close contacts.

No non-Respiratory case was notified which is a tribute to the safety of the milk supplies.

Also there was no death which is a reflection of the efficacy of modern treatment.

In conclusion, I would state that the Public Health of the Borough was very satisfactory throughout the year, and I would take this opportunity of thanking you for your interest in and support of the Department and the staff for their efficient service.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

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SECTION A.

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

FOR 1965

Area:- 8,946 acres

Registrar-General's Estimate of:-

The Resident Population	...	...	...	5,370
Number of Inhabited Houses According to the Rate Books ...				1,933
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£177,707
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	£700

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Tenterden Borough is a corporate member of the Cinque Ports as a Limb of the Ancient Town of Rye, and as such has retained its identity, its historical traditions and characteristic charm.

The Borough is largely a residential district, being surrounded by wide rural areas affords a convenient and good shopping centre. Its chief business interests are associated with those of agriculture, as being the main industry.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN TENTERDEN BOROUGH

DURING 1965

ALL CAUSES	Males	Females
	32	48
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	...	-
3. Syphilitic disease	...	-
4. Diphtheria	...	-
5. Whooping Cough	...	-
6. Meningococcal infections	...	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	...	-
8. Measles	...	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	-
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	1
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	3
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	-
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	4
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	1
16. Diabetes	...	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	7
18. Coronary disease, angina	...	9
19. Hypertension with heart disease	...	1
20. Other heart disease	...	11
21. Other circulatory disease	...	-
22. Influenza	...	-
23. Pneumonia	...	4
24. Bronchitis	...	1
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	...	5
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	...	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	...	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	...	-
31. Congenital malformations	...	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	5
33. Motor vehicle accidents	...	1
34. All other accidents	...	-
35. Suicide	...	2
36. Homicide and operations of war	...	-

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality, 1965

Age Periods	Total Cases on Register											
	Deaths						Non-Respiratory					
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.
0	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	16	3
1	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
5	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis of patients who had not been notified as suffering from this disease.

IMMUNISATION

The following table shows the diphtheria immunisation figures for 1965 based on the return to the Ministry of Health.

<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>Primary</u>		<u>Reinforcing</u>	
	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Diph./Tet.</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Diph./Tet.</u>
1965	38	-	-	-
1964	26	-	1	-
1963	-	-	48	-
1962	1	-	7	2
1961	-	-	2	7
1958 - 1960	-	-	7	13
1949 - 1957	-	-	-	3
Total	65	-	65	34

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

The following table shows the Poliomyelitis Vaccination figures for 1965 based on the Return submitted to the Ministry of Health.

<u>Year</u>	<u>3rd and 4th Dose (Salk and Oral)</u>	<u>3 Orals (Complete Course)</u>
1965	-	20
1964	-	51
1963	-	3
1962	-	2
1958 - 1961	62	2
1949 - 1957	5	1
Totals	67	79

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

<u>PRIMARY VACCINATION 1 YEAR</u>	<u>RE-VACCINATION SCHOOL AGE BUT UNDER 8 YEARS</u>
38	-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

(A) Examination of Water Supplies during the year:-

	Bacteriological Examination			Chemical Examination		
	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory
Statutory supply undertakings	1	1	-	-	-	-
Private sources piped to dwellings	2	1	1	-	-	-
Other private sources	3	1	2	-	-	-

The quantity of water supplied to the area is adequate and as far as is known none of the supplies are plumbob-solvent.

(B) (i) Number of dwellings not supplied by public water mains or other adequate piped supplies.

16

(ii) Number of dwellings in the area 2,025

(C) Brief details as to extensions of water mains during the year:-

1,975 yards of new water mains were provided during the year mostly to serve new estates.

(D) Action taken in respect of any form of contamination:-

Occupiers advised to boil all water before drinking until a permanent solution to this problem is achieved.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The work of constructing approximately 12,000 lin. yards. of soil sewers to replace existing sewers and allow a separation of soil and storm water was nearing completion at the end of the year. This work also entailed alterations to approximately 830 property connections.

FOOD (INCLUDING ICE CREAM AND MILK) AND FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

(i) (a) the number of food premises in the area ... 51

(b) the number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955

(i) Retailers of Ice Cream ... 27

(ii) Preparation and manufacture of Sausages and Preserved Foods etc. ... 6

(c) the number of inspections of registered food premises 14

(d) the method of disposal of condemned food - deeply buried or burnt.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of inspections of:-

Bakehouses	...	...	...	2
Butchers and meat products manufacturers	...	...	...	3
Catering Establishment and Clubs	...	...	...	5
Dairies	...	...	...
Fish (including fried)	...	...	...	3
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	3
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	-
Stalls, Itinerant Vendors and delivery vans	...	...	...	1
All other Food Premises	...	...	...	10

Number of Informal (including Verbal) Notices Served (Food and Drugs Act - Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955)

7

Number of Food Premises improved as a result of notices served

7

Inspection of Food and Food-preparing premises

Routine inspections resulted in co-operation from occupiers to bring premises to the standard required. Unsound food was examined on request and the amounts condemned can be seen from the tables.

MILK AND DAIRIES

(1) Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949 (Part III)
Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959 (Part III)

No. of registered distributors	...	11
No. of registered dairies	...	2

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Unsound Food Surrendered

Sea Bream	... 7 lbs.	1 tin Ox Tongue	...	1 lbs.
Beef - Top and Rump	... 106 "	1 tin Corned Beef	...	12 ozs.
6 tins pressed ham	... 4 "			
Total weight condemned				118 lbs. 12 ozs.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

A. Houses demolished

In Clearance Areas
(Housing Act 1957)

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	Nil	Nil	Nil
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement	Nil	Nil	Nil
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil

Not in Clearance Areas

(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1)
Housing Act, 1957

4

3

3

<u>Unfit Houses Closed</u>		<u>Number</u>
5) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957.		Nil
6) Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957		Nil
7) Parts of buildings closed under (Section 18, Housing Act, 1957)		1
<u>Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which defects were remedied</u>		
	<u>By Owner</u>	<u>By Local Authority</u>
8) After informal action by local authority	Nil	Nil
9) After formal notice under -		
(a) Public Health Acts	Nil	Nil
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil
10) Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil
<u>Unfit Houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)</u>		
<u>Position at end of year</u>	<u>No. of houses</u>	<u>Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1)</u>
	(1)	(2)
11) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(a) Under Section 48	Nil	Nil
(b) Under Section 17(2)	Nil	Nil
(c) Under Section 46	Nil	Nil
12) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	Nil	Nil
<u>Purchase of Houses by agreement</u>		
	<u>No. of houses</u>	<u>Number of occupants of houses in column (1)</u>
	(1)	(2)
13) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year.	Nil	Nil

IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS GRANTS

Three Discretionary Grants and five Standard Grants were made during the year at a total cost of £9,793. Grant made towards the cost of these works was £1,835.

INSPECTIONS - Summary of inspections made:-

Public Health Act, 1936 and Housing Act, 1957

Number of inspections of dwellings re repairs	10
Number of dwellings where defects remedied	5
Number of inspections for purposes of Sections 16/17 Housing Act. (Demolition and Closing Orders)	10
Number of inspections of clearance areas	Nil
Number of inspections for general survey and assessment	12

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958

Housing Subsidies and Standard Grant

Number of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants	14
Number of inspections in connection with Standard Grants	21

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 and Rents Act, 1957

Number of inspections re Certificates of Disrepair None
Number of inspections re Certificates as to Remedying of Defects None

Housing (general)

Number of inspections re housing applications Nil

Public Health Act

Number of inspections re:-
Tents, Vans and Sheds 4
Aged and Infirm Persons -
Vermin -
Dirty Houses -
Offensive accumulations 1
Offensive odours 1
Nuisance from Keeping of Animals 2

<u>NOTICES SERVED</u>	<u>Informal</u>	<u>Formal</u>
Public Health Acts	5	-
Housing Acts	-	-

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS REMEDIED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AND HOUSING ACTS

i. House Structure

(a) External

Chimney stacks Nil
Roofs 1
Gutters and fall pipes 3
Brickwork, pointing and rendering 1
Windows (including cords) 2
Doors -
Decorations Nil
Outbuildings Nil
Yard Surfacing Nil

(b) Internal

Plasterwork (walls and ceilings) 1
Doors and Cupboards -
Fireplace and stoves -
Staircase -
Floors (including under floor ventilation) -
Miscellaneous repairs 2

ii. Dampness to dwellings

Walls 3
Floors 1

iii. Foodstore to dwellings

Made satisfactory -
Provided -

iv. Water Supply to dwellings

Well supplies made adequate and safe Nil

Wells discontinued and main water provided Nil

Service piping renewed 1

Sinks renewed -

Drainers renewed or provided -

v. Sanitary Conveniences to Dwellings (including compartments)

Repaired -

New Provided -

Conversions to W.C.'s from pail closets -

vi. Ventilation of dwellings

Improved -

vii. Drainage - general

Drains renewed or repaired 3

Drains cleared 18

viii. Natural Lighting of Dwellings

Improved -

ix. Stability of Buildings Remedied -

x. Dustbins renewed -

HOUSING

(i) No. of families on Council's waiting list at 31-12-65 95

(ii) No. of Council houses built during the year None

(iii) No. of Private houses built during the year 90

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

This work is done by a private contractor at the property owner or occupier's expense.

DRAINAGE

Total number of inhabited houses (including Flats) is 1,933

Total number of houses connected to the sewers 1,601

Number of houses not connected to the sewers 332

Number of premises connected to cesspools 324

Number of premises with pail closets 8

REFUSE COLLECTIONS AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection is undertaken in central areas of the Borough and a fortnightly one in outlying areas.

SALVAGE

A waste paper collection from business premises is in operation. After baling, the paper and cardboard is sold.

DISINFECTION

The number of houses found to be infested with vermin was as follows:-

	Bugs	Fleas	Cockroaches
Council houses	-	-	-
Other houses	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health
(including inspection made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Reg- ister (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4, and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	-	-	-	-
ii) Factoires not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	23	1	1	-
iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	23	1	1	-

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No: of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspec- tor (4)	By H.M. Inspec- tor (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	1	-	1	-	-
Total	2	1	1	-	-

OUTWORKERS

There are no Outworkers in the District.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Non-Agricultural				(5) Agricultural
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All Other (incl. Business Premises)	(4) Total of Cols.(1) (2) & (3)	
Number of properties in Local Authority's District	9	1,736	470	2,215	130
Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification	-	57	7	64	-
Number of such properties found to be infested by:-					
Common Rat	Major	-	48	5	53
	Minor	-	-	-	-
Ship Rat	Major	-	-	-	-
	Minor	-	-	-	-
House mouse	Major	-	-	-	-
	Minor	-	9	2	11
Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act	-	-	-	-	-
Total number of properties otherwise inspected (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	-	-	-	-	-
Total inspections carried out incl. re-inspections	-	-	-	-	-
Number of infested properties	-	57	7	64	-
Total treatments carried out incl. re-treatments.	-	-	-	-	-
Number of notices served under Sec. 4 of the Act	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sec. 4. of the Act.	-	-	-	-	-
Legal proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
Where legal proceedings have been instituted by the Local Authority brief particulars should be given here:-				NIL	
Any other points of interest				NIL	

